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SUBJECT: TURKEY TO CO-SPONSOR UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON BURMA AND
NORTH KOREA; VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION ON BELARUS AND IN
OPPOSITION TO BELARUS-SPONSORED ANTI-U.S. RETALIATORY
RESOLUTIONS

REF: A. STATE 182267

- [1](#)B. STATE 184178
- [1](#)C. ANKARA 6377
- [1](#)D. STATE 187018

Classified By: Political Counselor Janice G. Weiner for reasons 1.4 (b)
and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Turkey has decided to co-sponsor resolutions on the human rights situations in Burma and North Korea in the UNGA Third Committee, to support the U.S.-sponsored resolution on the human rights situation in Belarus, to oppose no action motions proposed by countries across the board, and to oppose the anti-U.S. retaliatory resolutions sponsored by Belarus and Uzbekistan.

[1](#)2. (C) Following-up on the Ambassador's November 9 delivery of ref a and b points to Deputy Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan as reported ref c, we delivered on November 15 ref d points to MFA East Asia Department officer Evren Akyol, MFA Eastern Europe Head of Department Meltem Buyukkarakas, MFA Multilateral and Human Rights Head of Department Hasan Ulusoy, and MFA Americas Head of Department Oguzhan Ertugrul. In response, MFA interlocutors shared their respective positions as outlined in para one on proposed resolutions on North Korea, Burma, Belarus, and Belarus-sponsored resolutions concerning the human rights situation in the United States, the issue on secret detention and unlawful transfers, and on opposing

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country-specific human rights resolutions.

[1](#)3. (C) Decisions have not yet been made on resolutions concerning Iran and Uzbekistan. We will continue to pursue Turkey's support of those.

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